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Letter dated 12 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of violations of the terms of the ceasefire between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Iraq, committed by the Iraqi side between 5 December 1999 and 16 January 2000 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 12 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Ceasefire violations and incursions

1. On 5 December 1999, at 1400 hrs., a grey and red, single engine Iraqi patrol boat, carrying 2 armed passengers - dressed in civilian clothes - was spotted patrolling at coordinates 39R TP 37000-59000 on the map of Abadan.

2. On 5 December 1999, at 0830 hrs., a power shovel was spotted digging a canal at coordinates 38S NB/PB 03000-66000 on the map of Mehran.

3. On 9 December 1999, at 1000 hrs., a power shovel was spotted digging a canal in the vicinity of Mohammad Ghasem sentry post at coordinates 38S NB/PB 05000-68000 on the map of Mehran.

4. On 12 December 1999, at 1000 hrs., an Iraqi by the name of Ashur Ood who intended to enter the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran at coordinates 39R TP/TQ 16000-85000 on the map of Navad was arrested by Iranian forces.

5. On 12 December 1999, at 9055 hrs., an Iraqi speed boat carrying a number of passengers - dressed in civilian clothes - was spotted patrolling at coordinates 39R TP 41000-55000 on the map of Khosro-Abad.

6. On 12 December 1999, at 1040 hrs., an Iraqi speed boat carrying a number of passengers - dressed in civilian clothes - was spotted patrolling at coordinates 39R TP 46000-485000 on the map of of Khosro-Abad.

7. On 15 December 1999, a white Toyota pick-up sporting red decals and carrying 4 passengers, along with a crane, left Garmisheh sentry post at coordinates 38S NB/PB 12000-47000 on the map of South Mehran for Abziyadi sentry post at coordinates 38S NB/PB 15000-47000 on the same map and began to work.

8. On 17 December 1999, at 2300 hrs., three Iraqis by the names of Foad Saleh Ghadir, Sajad Saleh Ghadir, and Kazem Hassan Naser were arrested by Iranian forces while riding a boat at coordinates 39R TP/TN 55000-21000 on the map of Faw.

9. On 17 December 1999, at 1445 hrs., an Iraqi speed-boat, carrying two passengers dressed in military fatigues, was spotted patrolling at coordinates 39R TP 53400-28000 on the map of Khosro-Abad.

10. On 24 December 1999, at 1050 hrs., an Iraqi loader was spotted at work, at coordinates 38S NC 39000-62000 on the map of Southern Naft-Shar.

11. On 24 December 1999, at 0940 hrs., an Iraqi bulldozer was spotted at work at coordinates 38S PA QA 03000-92000 on the map of Meimeh river, in the vicinity of Tayeb sentry post.

12. On 23 December 1999, at 1215 hrs., an Iraqi patrol boat - displaying the Iraqi flag - carrying a single passenger dressed in civilian clothes, was spotted patrolling at coordinates 39R TP 28700-67000 on the map of Khoramshar.

13. On 23 December 1999, at 1440 hrs., an Iraqi military boat, carrying two passengers dressed in civilian clothes, was spotted patrolling at coordinates 39R TP 46000-48500 on the map of Khosro-Abad.

14. On 20 December 1999, at 1720 hrs., an Iraqi patrol boat, carrying two passengers dressed in civilian clothes, was spotted patrolling at coordinates 39R TP/TN 61000-17000 on the map of Ali-Shir.

15. On 4 January 2000, at 0820 hrs., two red power shovels were spotted digging a canal in the vicinity of Sadr-Arafat sentry post, situated at coordinates 38S NB/PB 97000-65000 on the map of Mehran.

16. On 3 January 2000, at 1440 hrs., three Iraqi shepherds were spotted in the vicinity of coordinates 38S NB/PB 11200-56000 on the map of Mehran. Two of the said shepherds were arrested, while one escaped. Fourteen M1 rounds and one hundred and three G3 rounds were recovered from those arrested.

17. On 26 December 1999, at 1255 hrs, an Iraqi patrol boat, carrying two passengers dressed in military fatigues, was spotted patrolling at coordinates 39R TP/TN 60500-17000 on the map of Ali-Shir.

18. On 26 December 1999, at 1645 hrs., a blue colored Iraqi patrol boat, carrying a single passenger, was spotted at coordinates 39R TP/TN 60500-17000 on the map of Ali-Shir.

19. On 1 January 2000, at 0830 hrs., two red power shovels were spotted setting out from the city of Badreh - opposite to Mehran - and began digging a canal in the vicinity of Sadr-Arafat sentry post at coordinates 38S NB/PB 97000-56000 on the map of Mehran

20. On 31 December 1999, at 1225 hrs., an 82 mm mortar was set up by Iraqi forces at coordinates 38S NC 52600-41500 on the map of Soomar map, in the vicinity of the Iraqi Doleh-Sharif sentry post.

21. Recently, aside from fiberglass Iraqi military speed boats, a number of wooden boats, outfitted with Johnson 220 horsepower outboards and carrying civilian passengers, have been spotted patrolling the point in which the Karoon river meets the Arvandrood river.

22. On 13 January 2000, at 0945 hrs., a loader, on which two Iraqi soldiers were riding, was spotted at work in the vicinity of coordinates 38S NC 55000-39000 on the map of Soomar.

23. On 16 January 2000, at 1240 hrs., an Iraqi patrol boat, carrying a single passenger (probably a combatant) was spotted patrolling at coordinates 39R TP 29000-66000 on the map of Khoram-Shahr.

24. On 16 January 2000, at 0720 hrs., two metal pipes and a base for Grenov machine gun were installed by the Iraqi forces at coordinates 38S TP/PB 99000-67000 on the map of Mehran.

25. On 15 January 2000, Iraqi forces established a base at coordinates 39R TP 22800-70200 on the map of Khoram-Shahr.

Border developments

1. On 11 December 1999, the Iraqi forces set up an AA gun at coordinates PA/QA 92000-95000 on the map of Meimeh, two kms away from Khoveiseh sentry post.

2. On 14 December 1999, at 0930 hrs., an Iraqi citizen by the name of Hossein Motafen gave himself up to Iranian soldiers at coordinate 38S TP/QA 11000-96000 on the map of Meimeh.